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<i>In re</i> Application of)	Confirmation No. 5063
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 20, 2005, applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims. Claims 2-23 are pending. Claims 2-22 stand rejected. Claim 23 is indicated as being allowable.

Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. We believe no other fee is due for consideration of this response. If any other fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.